

112 PERSONS KILLED IN MUNITIONS PLANT

EXPLOSION OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN AT EDDYSTONE SHRAPNEL WORKS AT CHESTER, PA., WRECKS BUILDING FILLED WITH BUSY WORKERS.

MOST OF DEAD WOMEN AND GIRLS

121 Known Injured of Whom Many May Die of Wounds—Greatest Mystery Is How Any Escaped Alive—No Clues That Explosion Was Result of German Plot.

Chester, Pa., April 10.—One hundred and twelve persons, most of them women and girls, are known to have lost their lives and 121 were injured by a series of terrific explosions today in the shrapnel building of the Eddystone Ammunition corporation at Eddystone, one mile from this city. Many of the injured were mortally hurt and it is feared the final death list will reach 150, while others probably will be maimed for life.

How any of the 300 or more employees in the building, in which was stored approximately 30,000 shells, escaped is almost beyond conception, as there was scarcely a fragment of the structure left intact. Fire added to the horror and most of the bodies were so badly charred that identification was impossible. In the absence of any official statement, many theories as to the cause of the disaster were advanced. Rumors of plots and arrests of persons both inside and outside of the plant were numerous, but all lacked confirmation.

Twenty Philadelphia detectives were sent to Eddystone soon after the explosion on a rumor that it was the result of a plot. After spending several hours investigating they reported that they had learned from officials of the corporation that a quantity of shrapnel had been placed near a radiator and the heat might easily have exploded it. Their opinion is that the explosion was purely accidental and they scout the suggestion that it was the result of a plot. A canvass of the police stations in the vicinity and inquiries among officials of the company failed to reveal that any arrests had been made.

Not Much Powder in Plant.

An official of the corporation declared that at no time did he believe there was more than one-half a ton of powder in the building at one time and that this never was in bulk. "The powder was kept in a magazine on the banks of the creek," this official said, "and was carried to the building in cans that hold about two gallons. From these cans it would be distributed to the workers who used gauges to fill the shrapnel shells. So far as we have been able to learn there were only three explosions. Two of these were comparatively light but the third was terrific, so powerful that a boathouse 350 yards away was demolished."

The explosion which was felt in Philadelphia, a distance of 15 miles, occurred about 10 o'clock in what is known as the "Ten F." building, a two-story structure, 75x300 feet. In this building time fuses were prepared, more than 80 per cent of the workers being women and girls. Probably 50 men and boys were employed in the building at the time of the blast and the majority of them escaped.

Many Willing Rescues.

Great excitement followed the explosion. A heavy pall of smoke darkened the entire town, which has a population of about 6,000. This was soon heightened by the flames from the burning buildings. Rescue squads composed of other employees of the plant were quickly formed and a call for assistance was sent to Philadelphia, Chester, Wilmington and other nearby points. The entire Chester fire department responded and ambulances from Philadelphia and Chester were soon on the scene. A strong guard of Pennsylvania militiamen and cadets from the Pennsylvania Military academy was thrown around the plant and everyone except those assisting in the rescue work were forbidden to approach.

Five minutes after the explosion the bodies of the dead and injured were being carried out. They were placed in any conveyance that happened to be at hand and taken to the morgues and hospitals. Several bodies were fished out of the marshes 200 yards from the ill-fated building and

it is feared that others may have been blown into the river, still further away. All were badly maimed and many were burned beyond recognition.

Some of the injured were temporarily cared for in buildings of the ammunition company, while scores of homes at Eddystone and nearby towns were thrown open to others.

Instances of Heroism.

There were numerous instances of heroism. In one of these Captain Walter Wilhelm, vice-president of the Eddystone corporation and formerly a National Guardsman, dashed through the smoke and flames into the wreckage no less than 10 times, each time carrying someone to safety.

For a time there was confusion among the rescue squads, who, until a controlling head took charge, worked at cross purposes. So serious was the danger from exploding shrapnel, considered that the trolley lines were tied up for more than an hour.

Throughout the afternoon and until a late hour tonight Chester presented a pathetic scene. Thousands of friends and relatives of the victims were surging through the streets in an effort to locate their loved ones, either dead or alive. Crowds of morbidly curious in front of the hospitals and the morgue were held back by National Guardsmen. No one was allowed in the morgue and only those who could establish their rights to be there were permitted to enter the hospital.

Working for the Entente Allies.

The Eddystone Ammunition corporation, which was organized by the interests identified with the Baldwin Locomotive works, was taken over by a commission representing the British and Russian governments. Since that time this commission has been carrying on the manufacture of munitions for the entente allies. The financial loss as a result of the explosion is estimated at less than \$25,000, not including the ammunition destroyed. Work will be resumed tomorrow in all departments except the box, packing and base charging departments. All departments will be in full operation by April 21, according to an official of the company. More than 10,000 persons are employed at the plant.

WILL REPAIR AT ONCE GERMAN MERCHANTMEN

PRIVately OWNED VESSELS WILL BE PAID FOR AFTER WAR

Washington, D. C., April 10.—With the view of using commercially the German merchant vessels in American harbors to meet the shortage of ocean carriers, government agents have begun thorough examination of the ships to fix definitely the cost and time required to make them seaworthy.

The machinery of most of them was seriously damaged by their crews when the United States broke relations with Germany.

Preparations also have been made to rush to completion wooden cargo carrying vessels to be built under the shipping board. Major General George Goethals probably will be asked to take general charge of this work.

In addition the government is seriously considering the advisability of auctioning a portion or all of the loss of \$100,000.

NEW BATTLE CRUISERS NAMED

Historic Old Frigates Will be Commemorated Thereby.

Washington, D. C., April 10.—Names of historic naval vessels today were given to the five battle cruisers being built for the navy. They will be called the Saratoga, Constitution, Constitution, Ranger and Lexington, after the famous frigates of the first American navy.

The ancient frigates Constitution and Constitution will be known hereafter as the Old Constitution and the Old Constitution. The former is being used at Newport as a training vessel and the latter is laid up at the Boston navy yard.

The present cruiser Saratoga will be renamed City of Rochester and another name will be chosen for the Gunboat Ranger in the service of Massachusetts as a school ship. There is no Lexington now on the navy list.

ALLIED DRIVE REMAINS UNCHECKED BY GERMANS

PRISONERS NOW TOTAL MORE THAN 11,000 ON WEST FRONT

"On to the Douai-Cambrai line!" evidently is the slogan of the British forces fighting in France. Despite strong resistance by the Germans and the added handicap of heavy snow storms, King George's forces, notably among them the Canadians, have again hit the German line hard at several points for good gains along the front round Vimy southward and also to the west of Cambrai.

Five miles east of Arras the British have reached the suburbs of Monchy-le-Prex and northeast of Arras, have cleared out the Germans from the village of Farbus and the Farbus wood while to the immediate north of this sector the Canadians in hard fighting took additional important positions on the famous Vimy Ridge and captured prisoners and much guns. Ten miles west of Cambrai the British have established their line to the north of the village of Louverval. In the two days fighting along the front from Lens to the southeast of Arras, the Germans have suffered enormous losses in men and guns. More than 11,000 prisoners, among them 235 officers, have been taken and 100 guns, 60 trench mortars and 163 machine guns have fallen into the hands of the British. Some of the larger guns are of eight inch calibre. The advance of the British over the entire front has been made to a depth of from two to six miles.

The Berlin official communication admits that two German divisions in the fighting near Arras Monday suffered "considerable losses," in stubbornly resisting superior forces. It admits also that the British succeeded in penetrating German positions, but says they did not break through the line.

On that part of the line held by the French reciprocal bombardments continue at various points. No infantry engagement has taken place.

Again the British and Russian forces report successes over the Turks in Mesopotamia and along the Caucasus front. The Russians operating against the Ottomans in Mesopotamia from the Khanikan district, near the Persian-Mesopotamian frontier, have captured the village of Kivil Robat, 80 miles north of Bagdad, and to the north of this region have driven back the Turks in the district of Panj, which lies about 100 miles east of Mosul.

Eighty miles northwest from Bagdad the British have captured the villages of Palad and Heries from the Turks and made prisoners of nine officers and 200 men. Two machine guns and railway material were taken by the British. On none of the other fronts has there been any engagement of great importance.

Unofficial advices say that Brazil has severed relations with Germany.

AMERICAN LINER NEW YORK STRIKES MINE

ALL PASSENGERS TAKEN OFF IN SAFETY BY RELIEF SHIPS

Liverpool, England, April 10.—The American line steamer New York, bound from New York for Liverpool, struck a mine last night when nearing her destination. The explosion occurred on the port bow of the vessel and distress signals were immediately sent out.

Nearly vessels went to the liner's assistance and all her passengers were taken off and brought here. It was found that the damage, which was confined to the fore parts of the vessel, was not serious. The New York was able to make her dock under her own steam. A large gang of dock workers immediately began to discharge the cargo so as to enable the steamer to go into drydock as early as possible.

The New York struck a submerged mine and the explosion shook the vessel from stem to stern. Orders were given to every person to don a life belt.

Penfield Arrives in Geneva.

Troy, April 10.—Fire this afternoon wiped out the plant of the Eagle Wrapping corporation at Ballston Springs, Saratoga county, causing a

CASH FOR ALLIES GREAT NEED NOW

First American Effort Will Be to Supply Foodstuffs

PLANS IN FULL SWING

Those Engaged in Production of Luxuries Not Exempt From Selective Conscription

Washington, D. C., April 10.—President Wilson and his cabinet at today's meeting reviewed the many phases of war activities, found that every step possible to equip the army and navy and turn out munitions is under way and decided that the most pressing needs of the nation now are to increase the supply of foodstuffs and ocean-going vessels, and to raise sufficient money to finance America's part in the war and make liberal loans to the entente allies.

For present activity the allies are undermanned, to be well supplied with munitions, and to have as many men in the field as they can equip and feed under present conditions. Through a co-ordination of the munitions industry in the United States and the raising of a large army the United States will be in a position later to supply any need in either field.

Members of the Council of National Defense, who are also members of the cabinet, have been studying the best method of aiding in the defeat of Germany, and they took to the President word that the most pressing need of Europe is for food and money. Therefore, the American government will seek to supply those with whom it is making common cause.

President Wilson personally appealed to farmers today through the National Agricultural society to make it their patriotic duty to increase the food supply of the nation, and Secretary Lane brought forward a plan for increased food crop acreage, an amendment of wheat milling laws and a liberal encouragement for sheep raising.

The convention was called to aid the administration in solving one of the most serious problems with which it is faced in the conduct of the war. The prospect of short crops is giving great concern to officials not only charged with the responsibility of seeing that America is fed, but keenly aware too of the fact that this country in a large measure must supply the other countries fighting Germany.

In a letter read to the convention President Wilson appealed to the farmer to swell his production as a patriotic wartime duty and declared that the wartime duty and declared that the farmer by planting and increasing his production in every way possible will perform a labor for which he will be recognized as a soldier of the commissary.

The government already is in possession of information that several of the allied nations will be glad to accept loans from the United States. Russia and France probably will be among the first nations supplied.

To meet quickly the demand for ships, examination was begun of the condition of German merchant vessels in American ports which the government plans to use.

In its consideration of ways of raising a large army and at the same time keeping necessary industries going at full speed, the administration has decided to consider separately the production of luxuries and the necessities of life.

In making exemptions from military service, if congress authorizes the draft, the government will take the position that if young men work in industries producing luxuries, their labor is not necessary and they will not be exempted. Just what will be classed as luxuries has not yet been determined.

Secretary Baker, General Scott, chief of staff and General Crowder, judge advocate general, appeared before the house military committee to urge its adoption of the war army bill, and will appear again tomorrow.

In spite of the break in diplomatic relations with Austria, the government made no move today towards asking congress to declare that a state of war exists with that country and it was indicated that no belligerent steps will be taken unless Austria moves first.

The convention resolution proposed that a food commission, if named, handle also the production and distribution of clothing. They also recommended that agricultural colleges graduate their senior classes earlier this year than usual so they may go immediately to the farms and that state councils of defense be named to aid the national council, a step already planned in some states.

It was amended in committee so that enacted motion picture shows would be legal in first class cities at any hour, in second and third class cities after 1 p. m. and in villages and rural communities after 2 p. m.

The senators voting for the favorable report were Walker, Wellington, Cotillo, Daly and Lawson. Those opposed were Senators Slater, Gilchrist, Murphy and Chairman Newton.

This is the first of eight bills to legalize Sunday "movies" to receive any favorable action.

No Let-up by British.

London, England, April 10.—In the face of heavy snow storms and, in places, strong resistance by the Germans, the British have pushed their lines as far as Monchy-le-Prex, five miles east of Arras, and made further important gains on Vimy ridge.

Austrian War Minister Resigns.

Amsterdam, Holland, April 10, via London, England.—The Vienna evening papers announce that Emperor Charles of Austria Hungary has accepted the resignation of General Ritter von Krobatin, Austro Hungarian war minister.

Villa and Carranza Forces Meet North of Nacozita.

Juarez, Mexico, April 10.—Villa and Carranza outposts clashed yesterday north of Nacozita, an official

report received at military headquarters here today stated. Villa has ceased to move northward and now has his forces between Bachimiva and Nacozita.

El Paso, Texas, April 10.—Troops

are patrolling the streets, artillery is

parked on the mesa overlooking Juarez and patrols have been strengthened along the river front, it was an-

nounced today at military headquar-

ters. An authorized statement was

issued saying these measures were

precautionary and were made in view

of the fact that a large force of Mexi-

cans was on the opposite side of the river.

WHITMAN SIGNS MYER BILL

Calls for Registration of Aliens in New York State.

Albany, April 10.—Governor Whitman today signed the Meyer alien registration bill. As soon as he learns from the authorities at Washington that enforcement of the measure will not interfere with federal plans, he will issue a proclamation which will require that all German and Austrian citizens residing in New York state must comply with the registration regulations prescribed in the bill.

All aliens of both sexes, more than 16 years of age, can be required to be registered. The measure also provides that the movements of residents of enemy countries shall be noted and the hotel and boarding house keepers report the arrival and departure of aliens.

It is the plan now to issue a small identification book to each person registered. This will contain his signature or his thumb print and his picture. Blank pages will be left for notations by police or military authorities as occasion may require.

FOOD COMMISSION IS NOW A POSSIBILITY

AGRICULTURAL MOBILIZATION ONE OF GREATEST NECESSITIES

Washington, D. C., April 10.—Immediate creation of a federal food commission, with power to fix prices and to supervise marketing and distribution of food in the United States during the war, was proposed formally today by the National Agricultural society.

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ALBERT HIGGINS CONVICTED.

Sury Sustains Police Department in Efforts to Keep City Clean.

The jury in the case of the People against Albert Higgins, charged with disturbing the peace in permitting the dances that he conducts on Lower River street to become offensive to the good order of that section, brought in a verdict of guilty late yesterday afternoon in the city court. The jury recommended leniency and the court imposed a fine of \$25, which will doubtless be paid. The trial developed into what was virtually an attack upon the police department of the city. The complaints from the residents of the sixth ward were so numerous and the requests that something be done were so persistent that Officer Horton, after investigating the facts, made out a complaint. The defendant was represented by Attorney John G. Johnson, who earnestly sought to secure an acquittal.

During the progress of the trial there were 12 witnesses sworn in behalf of the people and 15 for the defendant. The effort of the defense to create the impression that there was some other motive behind the proceedings than that to preserve the good order and peace of the community failed utterly, the fact being that the case was commenced before the parties interested in another proceeding instituted by Mr. Johnson for Higgins had any knowledge that such a case was even being considered.

Efforts to reflect upon the police department and arouse resentment because of their efforts as well as the annoying cross examination of three or four peace loving and highly respectable women who had become interested in the case probably also reacted against the defendant.

Much credit is due Prosecuting Attorney Lee D. VanWoert for the able and intelligent manner in which he handled the case for the people and for his effective appeal to the jury to sustain the police in their efforts to keep the city clean and free from disorderly gatherings. The jury is also to be commended for the backbone they displayed in doing an unpleasant duty. It was composed of F. J. Hubbard, Robert A. Enslin, Francis E. Por, John M. Jeffry, Henry A. Osborne and Claude Smith.

Officer Horton, against whom the attack was virtually directed, did nothing more than an honest and fearless peace officer should feel it his duty to do. Officers are expected to do more than simply patrol a beat and arrest such persons as appear publicly intoxicated. The city is to be congratulated upon having such an officer and upon the outcome in the case.

Strong Feature of Cole Eight.

Operating on the theory that it is just as important to embody in a product all of the minor refinements possible, as it is to bring it up to date in its major features, the Cole Motor Car company has incorporated in its product for the present season numerous items which add immeasurably to the appearance and dignity of the Cole Eight. One of these is a feature of the motor construction, which the Cole was the first to adopt and which many of the highest priced cars later came to embody. This is the porcelain enameled exhaust pipe and header running from the motor to the connecting pipe, which joins directly with the muffler.

On most automobiles, this exhaust pipe and header, being constantly subject to extreme heat, rusts and tarnishes quickly and gives the motor an untidy appearance. For years automobile engineers experimented with paints, enamels and even went so far as to try to use black nickel plate for this unit, in an effort to overcome the difficulty.

It was not until A. F. Knobloch, general manager of the Cole Motor Car company, together with W. H. Knobloch, his brother, who is superintendent of the plant, developed the porcelain enameling process that this objectionable feature was definitely and effectively overcome.

For also—Fifty shares of the capital stock of the Second National Bank of Cooperstown. In order to effect a quick sale will sell at twenty points below its book value, as per last government report. George L. Wilber, Oneonta, N. Y. Advt if.

Wanted—A bright girl about 20 years old to work in printing office. Inquire at Star office after 8 a. m. Advt if.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

STATE OF NEW YORK, OFFICE OF HIGHWAYS, Albany, N. Y.

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 20, Law of 1911, as amended by the Laws of 1912, and Chapter 14, Laws of 1913, the sealed proposals will be received by the undersigned at their office, at 55 Lundy street, Albany, N. Y., at 1 o'clock noon, on the first day of May, 1917, for the improvement of the following highway.

OTSEGO COUNTY.

Repair contract No 1000, class of work, general repair and maintenance of a road No 675, approximately 16 miles, near Morrisville, Part 2.

Maps, plans, specifications and estimates may be had in proposed form, obtained at the office of the undersigned, in Albany, N. Y., and also at the office of Division Engineer Howard E. Smith, 201 Press building, Binghamton, N. Y.

The notice of invitation of bidders is called to "General Information for Bidders" in the itemized proposal, specifications and contract agreement.

The notice of each road or contract must be presented in a separate sealed envelope, endorsed on the outside with the name and number of the road or contract for which the proposal is made. Each proposal must be accompanied by a bond, payable to the order of the state commissioner of highways for an amount equal to at least five per cent of the amount of the proposal, which such cash or check accompanied.

This cash or check will be held by the commission until the contract and bond are duly executed.

The successful bidder will be required to give a performance bond for fifty per cent of the contract, and an unallowable bond covering the starting surface of all roads, except water-bound, and cement concrete pavements for 20 per cent of the contract price of the items which constitute the contract, such bonds to be executed by a state contractor, or a bond to be given by the deposit of collateral security to the amount of the proposal.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

EDWIN DUFFETT,
Co. with owner
Secretary.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

New York Markets.

New York, April 10.—Measures already adopted by the federal government to prevent inflation of values were again an important factor in today's stock market, precipitating further liquidation and short selling of the better known war shares. An increasing realization that war contracts will yield but moderate profits caused a general unloading of munitions and equipment issues.

It was the chief elements of strength, some high grade stocks scoring material gains in the intermediate sessions but these were largely or wholly forfeited in the more urgent offerings of the last hour. Delaware and Hudson was weak at all times, making an extreme recession of 8 1/4 points to 119 1/2.

U. S. Steel manifested more resistance than most other industrials, declining only 1 1/2 to 108 3/4, while Bethlehem Steel new stock fell 5 1/2 to 123 with two to four points for Crucible and Schlosser Steel, Steels, Virginia Irons and Gulf States Steel.

Metals, sugars, motors and leathers fell off one to three points, with 4% for Baldwin Locomotive and 8 1/4 for Sears-Roebuck. Utilities were inactive, except for the gas issues. Ohio Gas losing three points. Shipping was irregular at the outset, but strengthened later. Gains in rates were limited to the leaders.

U. S. Bonds were lower by fractions to a point or so, except the registered 7% which made a slight gain on actual sales.

New York Produce.

Butter—Strong. Receipts, 9,241 tubs. Creamery, higher than extras, 45 1/2 @ 46%; creamery extras, 92 score, 15; flints, 43 @ 44 1/2; seconds, 41 @ 42. Eggs—Strong. Receipts, 34,013 cases. Fresh gathered extras, 34 1/2 @ 35; fresh gathered storage packed flints, 33 1/2 @ 34 1/2; fresh gathered seconds and lower grades, 31 1/2 @ 32; state Pennsylvania and nearby western whites, fine to fancy, 35; do brown, 34 1/2 @ 35.

Chees.—Irregular. Receipts, 6,422 boxes. State fresh specials, 25 @ 25 1/2; do average run, 24 1/2 @ 25. Poultry—Live, firm. No prices quoted. Dressed, firm. Chickens, 22 @ 23; fowls, 20 1/2 @ 26; turkeys, 18 @ 34.

New York Meats.

Beefs—Receipts, 710; firm; bulls, \$7.00 @ \$9.00; cows, \$5.25 @ 7.75. Calves—Receipts, 1,780; steady; veals, \$11.00 @ 16.00; culs, \$8.00 @ 10.00; skim milk calves, \$8.00. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 1,855; no trading.

Hogs—Receipts, 1,808; market higher; prime hogs, \$16.25; roughs, \$14.00.

ONEONTA MARKET.

Prices Paid Producers.

Butter, fresh dairy	39 @ 40
Butter, creamy	41 @ 42
Eggs, fresh laid, dozen	30
Cheese, lb.	25
Potatoes	\$2.00
Live poultry	20
Spring chickens	20
Dressed hogs	12 @ 16
Dressed beef	10 @ 11
Veal, grain fed	12 @ 13
Veal, sweet milk calves	16 @ 16
Grain and Feeds	
(Prices Charged at Retail).	
Salt, barrel	\$2.05
Corn	\$1.58
Corn meal, cwt	\$2.95
Oats	87
Spring wheat middlings	\$2.58
Winter wheat middlings	\$2.44
Hides	
(Quoted by Miller Hinde Co.)	
Cow hides	16
Hull hides, over 90 lbs.	13
Horse hides	\$6.00 @ 7.00
Dairy skins	\$1.50 @ 2.00
Veal skins	\$2.50 @ 4.00

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Y. M. C. A. Meeting Postponed.

New York, April 9.—Postponement of the fiftieth anniversary state convention of the Young Men's Christian association, to have been held at Utica May 4 to 6, was announced tonight by the state executive committee of the association. It was explained that the state committee had made plans to carry on army work among New York state troops and as local association would be needed to meet the emergency, the holding of the convention would be manifestly impractical.

Expect Americans in Berne.

Berne, Switzerland, via Paris France, April 9.—The American legation has been officially notified from Vienna that the American embassy staff there comprising 18 secretaries and clerks, four women, wives of attaches, and one child, may be expected to arrive here Sunday, together with the consular staffs at Vienna, Budapest, Carlbad, Triest, Prague and Trieste.

Syracuse for Military Training.

Syracuse, April 9.—Syracuse university today went on record as favoring military training for its students under expert instruction in co-operation with the war department.

A Way the Dutch Have.

The Dutch have a delightfully original way of collecting their taxes. If after the notice has been given the money is not sent the authorities place one or two hungry militiamen in the house, to be lodged and maintained at the expense of the defaulter until the amount of the tax is paid.

Its Oddity.

"There is one thing in a lawyer's profession which is different from any other."

"What is that?"

"The longer he is at it the more he has of a brief career."—Baltimore American.

Poultry Wanted—Williams market will pay 20c per lb. for good fowls live weight delivered at market. advt if

A PITHY STATEMENT

An Oneonta Druggist Gives An Apt Illustration

HIS VIEWS ON VINOL WORTH LEARNING

This is the Preparation That Is Being Much Talked About

A reporter asked Mr. H. B. Gildersleeve the same question that hundreds have asked him in the past few years. "Just tell me precisely, please, why Vinol is better than—"

"Mr. Gildersleeve replied in his gentle way, "You have given me a rather difficult task. You can explain to your mother, in words, the advantages of Vinol, but to do it in Latin, dozen words would hardly be possible. Perhaps I can illustrate its value, however, in a brief manner. Suppose you had a man who had been eating Vinol for a week. You would find him to be a healthy man, who knew of the egg, and he would tell you to eat three every day. I do not say that you would mind you, but you would not be able to eat the shells with your meal, nor would you be able to eat the whole thing, shell and all. The meat of the egg would be what you needed, the shell rather superfluous. In fact, the man with the egg might have none found a way to separate the healthful interior from the worthless hull."

"The egg, however, is the active medicinal principle of the cod's liver. We have this away the useless emanances that formerly encumbered it, namely, the objectionable fat. It is a delicious table wine, made of beef, peptone, iron and manganese, and glycerophosphates and these you can eat with the greatest pleasure. Doctors have administered it for years. They say that the man who has Vinol will live longer than any other man."

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OTSEGO COUNTY NEWS

MATTERS IN MIDDLEFIELD.
Union Patriotic Service Next Sunday Evening at Baptist Church.

Middlefield, April 10.—There will be a union patriotic service at the Baptist church, Sunday evening, April 15, at 7:30. Rev. W. W. Ward will speak on the world war. The sermon topic, "A Good Fight." Recitations, with special music by the choir. The many flags and banners will lend a thrill and inspiration to the service. After the service the bugle will play "Taps," in memory of the submarine dead. Everybody welcome.

Attend Conference.

A good number of the members of the Methodist church here are planning on attending the Methodist Episcopal conference held in Cooperstown this week.

Easter Vacation.

Our village school is enjoying a two weeks' vacation. Miss Maudie Harrison, one of the teachers, is at her home in Laurens. The other, Miss Mildred Marsh, at her home in Goshen.

Milliner in Town.

Mrs. A. J. Miller of Cherry Valley will be at the home of Mrs. J. W. Clopton, April 11, 12 and 13, with a full line of millinery.

Express Thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wood wish to express their sincere thanks to all neighbors and friends who were so kind to them in the sad bereavement of their mother's death.

Sell at Public Auction.

Mrs. Helen Roberts and Leon Roberts will sell at public auction, Saturday, April 14, at 2 o'clock, at her residence in this village, the residence of Mrs. Helen Roberts, Old Home farm, Aldrich farm and Manzer farm, all belonging to the estate of the late Henry Roberts.

Middlefield Locals.

Misses Pearl and Elsie Shaw of Oneonta spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Fort and attended the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Wood.—Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilber of Oneonta spent the first of the week with their sister, Mrs. H. C. Murphy.—C. E. Iearm and Frank Taber were business callers in Cooperstown on Friday.—Mr. and Mrs. Hervey Smith have moved to Cooperstown for a time. Mr. Smith has employment in the Harry Cook garage there.

BRIDE RESTED AT ELK CREEK.

Harrigan-Palmeter Wedding Solemnized Monday at Clayville.

Elk Creek April 10.—Miss Flora Palmeter and James Harrigan of Clayville were united in marriage Monday morning, April 3, at 7:30 o'clock, in the Catholic church at Clayville, by Father Doyle.

The bride is a well known and much respected young lady of this place. After spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Palmeter, they will take up their residence in Clayville, the home of the groom.

Past Masters' Night at Grange.

At the next regular grange meeting to be held Saturday evening of this week, Past Master's night will be observed. Refreshments will be served. All members should be present.

Elk Creek Personals.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Stilwell spent a couple of days last week with friends in Oneonta.—Webster Chase of Cooperstown is enjoying a week's vacation at his home here.—Menzo Best and Alfred Ceperley were in Oneonta on business errands Friday.—Mrs. M. A. Stilwell and daughter, Mabel, of Colliers, are visiting relatives here for a few days.—I. W. Stilwell of Oneonta spent the week-end with friends in this place.—Oscar Palmeter and Frank Collison spent Friday in Oneonta.

WELLS BRIDGE BRIDES.

Wells Bridge, April 10.—Clyde Wood is confined to the house with rheumatism, being unable to move to Fand Hall as stated last week.—Mrs. Truman Halbur, with her three children of Mr. Upton, is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Earl, this week.—Mrs. Fred Cornell of Masonville, with her son, Louis Cornell, was a visitor in this

LADIES! DARKEN YOUR GRAY HAIR

Use Grandma's Sage Tea and Sulphur Recipe and Nobody will Know.

The use of Sage and Sulphur for coloring faded, gray hair to its natural color date back to grandmother's time. She used it to keep her hair beautifully dark, glossy and attractive. Whenever her hair took on that dull, faded or streaked appearance, this simple mixture was applied with wonderful effect.

But brewing at home is messy and out-of-date. Nowadays, by asking at any drug store for a 50 cent bottle of "Wright's Sage and Sulphur Compound," you will get this famous old preparation, improved by the addition of other ingredients, which can be depended upon to restore natural color and beauty to the hair.

A well-known downtown druggist says it colors the hair so naturally and easily that nobody can tell it has been applied. You simply dampen a sponge with water, brush it with and draw this soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one strand at a time. By morning the gray hair disappears, and after another application or two it becomes beautifully dark and glossy.

Wright's Sage and Sulphur Compound is a delightful toilet, requisite for those who desire a more youthful appearance. It is intended for the cure, mitigation or prevention of disease.

school near Albany, was a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Green, from Thursday until Sunday. — There will be no preaching in the Methodist Episcopal church next Sunday. — Oscar Brown was a guest of his brother in Cherry Valley recently. — Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Michaels spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Louis Thayer.

A LETTER FROM LEONA.

Leona, April 10.—George Ballard had the misfortune to lose a valuable cow Friday. — School re-opened again Monday after a three weeks' vacation. — Miss Hazel Eldred has returned home after spending two weeks at Oneonta. — Mrs. Chester Brownell of South Hartwick and Mrs. Emory Gregory of Whitney Point visited Tuesday at Glenn Baden's. — We are sorry to learn that Miss Eliza Jacobs continues quite ill.

Westford School Notes.

Westford, April 10.—The students of Westford Union school assembled at 11:40, April 2, at which time patriotic songs were sung, the flag saluted and the following resolution adopted: We, the pupils of the Westford Union school, resolve to give our pleasure, comfort and if need be our lives for our country, President and flag. — School closed Friday night for a week's vacation and the teachers left Saturday for their respective homes.

Patriotic Rally at Hartwick.

Hartwick, April 10.—A patriotic rally will be held Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock in the Mutual Benefit building, N. P. Willis and J. P. Tenman of Cooperstown and Captain Parish of Company G will speak on the subject of the day. Several other prominent people have also consented to speak. A large crowd is anticipated.

REPORTED FROM WESTVILLE.

Westville, April 10.—Miss Brown of Sidney is visiting her sister, Mrs. Brill Hooper. — Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson and Miss Lina Robinson were guests at R. M. Robinson's Sunday. — Miss Elsie Green, who is teaching

DELAWARE COUNTY NEWS

FAREWELL RECEPTION.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stevens Happily Remembered by Friends.

Davenport Center, April 10.—Monday evening about 50 people met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Loucks as a farewell reception for Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stevens, who are soon to locate at Binghamton.

Delicious refreshments were served and the evening passed in games, conversation and music.

C. Harold Fanning, in behalf of their many friends, presented Mr. and Mrs. Stevens with a handsome willow rocker and purse of money and was responded to by Mr. and Mrs. Stevens. At a late hour the guests departed, wishing them unbounded success in their new venture.

Other Davenport Center Data.

Charles Potter and Henry Sloan have been detained from school the past few days on account of illness.—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Nussmann and son, Fred, of Margaretville, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Fanning. — Miss Jeanette Kilpatrick and Miss Marriet Howe of Walton were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. Harold Fanning. — Mr. and Mrs. E. Bramley and Mr. and Mrs. Stratton of Albany were week-end guests of G. Bramley. — Harriet Munson of Meriden has been spending a week with her parents in the village. — Mrs. Ella Sewell returned Thursday from a visiting trip. — Mr. and Mrs. Davis were guests of Miss Sara at Oneonta Sunday. — The Ladies' Aid society will meet at the home of Mrs. H. S. Olmstead Saturday afternoon for a business meeting at the home of Mrs. Olmstead Friday evening of this week. — A. H. Petter has a White Leghorn hen's egg that measures 7 by 9's inches and weighs five ounces. — Harlow Munson has begun work as a patrolman on the same route as last year. — Mrs. J. S. Adams of Davenport was a guest at Alton Potter's Monday. — Mr. and Mrs. James DeForest of West Davenport have leased Mrs. Mary Hamilton's house for the summer.

DELHI ENLISTMENT.

Four Young Men Join Company F at Walton and One Enlists in Navy.

Delhi, April 10.—Howard R. Graham, Gordon Davidson, Harold Payne and Ray Goodenough, young men of this village, enlisted yesterday in Company F, National Guard, at Walton; and Charles Human, a clerk in Mervin Humphrey's drug store, joins the navy as assistant pharmacist.

IN SURROGATE'S COURT.

Before Surrogate Raymond yesterday, an important matter came, being a controversy between the representatives of the estates of Philo F. Benedict and William H. Harder. Mr. Benedict furnished Mr. Harder with \$1,500 to purchase some cattle, with the understanding that Benedict was to have a lien on the cattle for security. Direction was given by Harder to an attorney to prepare a chattel mortgage, and one was prepared, but before it was executed Harder was stricken, and the document was never signed.

The Benedict estate now claims the virtual ownership of the cattle, and the court seemed inclined to so hold, but no formal decision was rendered.

John T. Shaw is the attorney for the Benedict estate, and F. W. Youmans is the attorney for the Harder estate.

A Guardianship Case.

Another contested case of considerable interest was the appointment of a guardian for Marie Fritts, a minor, 14 years of age, of the town of Hancock. This is the girl that the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children took from a hotel at Cadotia, claiming that she was being brought up with improper surroundings. Her parents now seek to regain possession of her by a

STAMFORD NEWS NOTES.

Golf Club House Nears Completion Near Village.

The new club house being erected by Governor brothers for the Country club, on their golf grounds near this village, is nearing completion. The building is enclosed and ready for the masons and interior finish. When completed it will be one of the finest club houses in this section of the state.

STRIKE OF U. & D. SECTION HANDS.

One day last week some of the men employed on the U. & D. railroad sections at Halcottville and Roxbury went on a strike for higher wages. The men are paid \$1.50 per day and asked \$2. As the men were not very well organized, the strike was a fizz and most of the strikers returned to work.

The company has been short of track for some time. Like all railroads the U. & D. railroad has had to pay out more money for running expenses. It is reported they paid over \$70,000 increase for supplies the past year.

Spikes formerly costing \$2.50 a keg now cost \$7 and everything else used on the road has increased in price. With the automobile competition it will require good management to pay running expenses.

Well Known Here.

The many Stamford friends of Alexander E. Ghazali of Brooklyn will be sorry to learn that his place of busi-

Opportunity Day
THE BIG ONCE-A-WEEK SALE

BIG SALE EMBROIDERIES

1 lot 40 inch Voile and Crepe Floucing; regularly 50c a yard. Opportunity Day, at a yard 35c
1 lot 45 inch Organdie and Voile Floucing; regularly \$1.00 a yard. 67c
1 lot Organdie Floucing; regularly \$1.25 a yard. Opportunity Day, a yard 79c
Stamped Turkish Towels; regularly 50c each; great value. Opportunity Day, each 31c
1 lot Mesh Bags; worth \$1.00 each. Sale, each 39c
1 lot Hand Bags; regularly 50c each. Sale, each 39c
56 inch Wool Jersey Cloth; rose, apple green and brass; regular price \$2.50 yard. Today only, yard \$2.08
1 lot Fancy Dress Goods; new stock; regularly 25c yard. Opportunity Day, yard 21c
Embroidery Edges and Insertions; up to 18 inch width; regularly 19c yard. Sale, 12 yards \$1.00
All Printed Chiffon Cloths; regularly \$1.25 a yard. Opportunity Day, at a yard 89c
REMNANTS.—We have too many; and they must be disposed of. Buy them today and save money. They will be sold at one-quarter off today only.

SILK WAISTS

Regular \$1.00 Jap. Silk Waists; new, clean goods. Overstocked, our reason for cut. Special, each 63c
1 lot Waists and Middles; regular 50c and 59c goods. Opportunity Day, each 29c
1 lot regular \$1.25 Black Sateen Skirts. Opportunity Day, each 89c
On all Gold and Silver and Opalescent Laces and Trimmings we will give a discount of 20 per cent.

SILK SPECIAL FOR OPPORTUNITY DAY

36 inch Rajah Sport Silk; white, rose, tan and Copen; worth today \$2.50 a yard. Opportunity Day, a yard \$1.50
Last chance to get one of our Special Embroidery Trimmed Night Gowns; worth 89c; at, each 53c
Coats' Thread; special at, a dozen 55c
1 lot Ripplette Combinations and Chenise; regularly 50c each. Today only 25c
1 entire rack regular stock \$1.00 Waists. Opportunity Day 79c each. Last day to buy Fibre Silk Stockings at 25c a pair. Thursday they will go to 35c a pair. Better stock up now.
In looking over NEW things these are what appealed to me:
The fine new Wash Suits for Boys priced at \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.75. Then we have the 50c ones too.
The display of Jardinières, Hanging Baskets and Platters at 25c
The table of White Coffee, Sugar, and Tea Cans, at 15c
The display of Flowers for Trimming Hats at 15c 2 for 25c
The Clothes Ears at 50c
The Kitchen Sets at 50c
The fine assortment of Paints, Varnishes and Stains at 10c each
The dandy showing of Candy at 7 ounces for 10c and 12 ounces for 10c; also the new barrel of Fresh Salted Peanuts, roasted by the Cream Dove Folks, 9 ounces 10c

ENAMELWARE

We have just put on display some wonderful values.

White and White Ware. Two especially good assortments at 10c and 15c; your choice.

Assorted kinds; wonderful values; your choice 25c

Values up to 25c; greatest bargains possible. Your choice 50c

You will wonder how we can do it on the present market. Our answer is through co-operative buying with over 300 other stores. One look will convince you. They are displayed on the tables in the center department, toward the rear.

Glass Tumblers

This is the last call on these at five for 10c

Second quality of Men's Pure Silk Socks; regular 50c value; 35c pair; three pairs for \$1.00

Second quality of Men's Silk Socks; regular 35c value at 20c a pair; three pairs for 50c

Men's Four-in-hand Ties; extra values at 15c, 25c, 35c and 50c

Don't pay high prices until you have asked our prices and seen our values; maybe we had it on hand and are selling at old prices. Take a chance and ask us anyhow.

SHOES

It Will Pay You to Watch This Space for Wednesday Bargains.

Men's Tennis Oxfords 43c
Boys' Tennis Oxfords 41c
Women's Tennis Oxfords 41c

Boys' Black Elk Lace Shoes; Scout style; sizes 1 to 5 1/2; at \$1.80

Men's Cordo Calf Lace Shoes; Neolin Soles; rubber heels \$1.49

Women's White Canvas Pumps; rubber soles and heels \$1.33

11 pairs Women's Patent Leather Blucher Oxfords; web sole; worth \$4.50; at 12 pairs Women's Black Kid Blucher Oxfords; at \$2.89

Women's Patent Leather Pumps; black cloth tops; at \$1.87

Women's 1 strap Kid Sandal; headed vamp; nearly all sizes \$1.37

Cobbler's outfit, consisting of hammer, standard, knife and lasts 33c

Women's Havana Brown lace Shoes; mouse brown tops; worth \$6.50; at \$4.87

Come and Look Around. You Will Find It Will Pay You.

Oneonta Department Store, Inc.

155-161 MAIN ST.

ALSO ENTRANCE
ON WALL STREET

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ONEONTA, N. Y.

Injuries Hand.

While John Dales was unloading a barrel of soap at Hall's garage this morning, the barrel slipped and the index finger of the right hand was caught between the wagon tire and the iron hoop on the chime of the barrel, completely severing the end of the finger.

Death of Mrs. E. C. Grover.

Mrs. Edward C. Grover of Grover's Corners, Schoharie county, died at the home of her brother, Dr. J. E. Safford, Tuesday morning, April 10, of pneumonia, after a short illness of about a week's duration, aged 62 years.

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Three Months	\$.120
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THE EXPLOSION AT EDDYSTONE.

The whole country will be shocked this morning, as much of it was yesterday by the announcement carried on the first page of this issue, that 112 persons lost their lives in the great explosion of the great Eddystone Ammunition corporation works at Chester, Pa. So great an accident, with fatalities so great—for it is believed that in the end they will reach 150, besides many maimed for life—has not before been reported in America under like circumstances, and it is not to be wondered at that the first report was followed by general belief that it was the work of German sympathizers or of German plotters themselves.

So far as reports received last evening indicate there is no positive proof, perhaps not even a good ground for surmise, that it was a premeditated act. Ever since the war began there have been explosions in England, France and Germany, and for that matter in the United States, though in every case the utmost precautions have been taken against such an accident. And before the war began—years before it began—there were explosions and loss of life perhaps proportionately as great.

Under such circumstances, it is well not to attribute the explosion to an unfriendly act, unless there is more reason for so doing than at present appears. At any rate it is the thing to withhold decision, and to wait for the result of the very careful examination and investigation which will be made.

This is a fair view of the case, but there is another which should not be forgotten. That other is that there would probably have been no suspicion of foul play if there were not abundant evidence already of German plotters in other instances. So long as such plotters and spies surreptitiously visit aqueducts and bridges, fabricate shells and bombs, deliberately damage the machinery of ships and establish surreptitious submarine bases and aerial telegraph stations, there will be suspicions abroad. The best thing for Germans involuntarily or voluntarily in America to do is to remain quietly at home or about their proper vocations. Least of all they should not be about bridges or structures or ships where their presence might be misconstrued. A careful adherence to such plans will make less trouble for themselves and for their fellow countrymen. Moreover, we believe it is the plan which most Germans will follow and advise.

COMMENTS OF THE PRESS

A Wise Way.

A bill before the Wisconsin legislature proposes to allow the women of the state to decide by their vote whether the majority of them do or do not want the ballot. That is a sensible plan. The growing habit of legislatures to impose a limited suffrage upon women without giving either the women or the male voters a voice in the matter is indefensible. First ascertain by a vote of the women if the majority of them desire the privilege which enthusiastic and easy politicians are so eager to thrust upon them. Then let the male voters decide for themselves whether they want this addition to the electorate. That is the fair, orderly and just method of procedure.

The Ohio legislature consulted neither the women nor the men. It passed a suffrage bill. A popular referendum will be taken, so that the men at least will have their day in court. Nobody seems to think that it is of any importance to find out what the opinion of the women is. They must be "emancipated," whether they prefer their chains or not.—*New York Times*.

President's Speech In Germany.

If the German government continues to prevent the circulation of the full text of President Wilson's speech, it will be a strong indication that the democratic leave is working. A hint of the same sort is given in the out-spoken utterance of Vorwerts, which for some months has been controlled by the socialistic faction that supported the government even in regard to frigidity. It now calls for a clear and definite announcement of the German government's purpose to conduct the war solely for defense and not for conquest, and adds: "The German nation is fighting for the defense of its hearth and home and not for the annihilated conditions whose reform has long been promised." It may be that the censor allowed this to appear because the German chancellor is pushing for whatever reforms may be necessary to save the situation and is letting the junks see the strength of the demand. But very sweeping reforms indeed will be needed if Germany is to compete with Russia for the approval of free peoples.—*[Springfield Republican]*

Young America is needed to keep Old Glory on the seas. Join the Navy.

MUCH ADO ABOUT WILLITE

Conference of Elm and Maple Street Residents Mostly Devoted to Discussion by Rival Representatives.

It had been intended to hold the conference of the city street commissioners with the residents of Maple and Elm streets last evening at the city council chambers, but the attendance was so large that adjournment was taken to the Municipal hall, which afforded ample quarters to the hundred residents of these streets and other citizens in attendance. All the members of the board were present and the purpose of the meeting was briefly outlined by Chairman Hoot, who later introduced Mr. DeGraff of the Willite company, who presented the claims of that material and gave the history of its discovery and the story of its use and of the tests made to this time. Particular emphasis was laid by him on the cheapness of the material, its alleged durability and on the fact that the Willite company would furnish a bond in a reliable company selected by the city, which would guarantee maintenance for a period of five years.

Following the remarks of Mr. DeGraff, a few questions were asked and answered, after which L. P. Butts, referring to the question of bonding, read a half dozen telegrams from such companies, some of them refusing absolutely to bond for the maintenance of Willite construction and others stating that they would do so after inquiry and investigation as to the standing of the company.

Mr. Butts was followed by Paul Shultz of Albany, who was formerly engineer of Utica and Troy, and afterwards assistant in the state highway department, who questioned the durability of the Willite composition and stated that from his experience bonds for highway maintenance were not reliable—that they always had loopholes through which it was possible for the companies to escape liability, and cited his personal experience ten years ago in Utica. The argument between Messrs. DeGraff and Shultz waxed warm and there were many sharp cuts and personal allusions in which one and then the other had seemingly the best of it.

After Mr. Hayward had made some remarks and asked some questions and had vouchsafed for the bonding company which the Willite company proposed to purchase its policies from, Mr. Warren of the Warren Brothers company, representing the bituminous pavements on which that company has the patents, also spoke deprecating any pavement which did not have a more substantial base, and which had received no longer trial. Replying to his statement that the Willite at Howard Beach had not had heavy traffic and that therefore its endurance was undetermined, Mr. DeGraff asked whether it was not true that a used asphalt surface lasted longer than one on which there was little or no traffic; but no satisfactory reply appeared to be made.

Altogether the discussion, with questions and answers listed until well toward 11 o'clock. Most of the talking was done by the representatives of the various sorts of paving interested, and no definite conclusion appeared to be reached by the residents of Elm and Maple, who listened with interest and probably with profit to the pro and con arguments of the advocates of various kinds of pavement.

Adjournment was finally taken without any conclusion being reached; but in fact the board had no intention of making any decision as to whether one pavement or another should be used or whether any paving should be done at all this year.

WILL REPAIR OTSEGO ROADS.

Bids Opened Yesterday for Contract Covering Six State Highways.

At the office of the state highway department in Albany on Monday, bids were opened for many repair contracts in various parts of the state. Among them were those for repair contract No. 1029, which includes the Morris-Gilbertville road, both parts and the Gillette-West Burlington, Gillette-ville, East Springfield and Undilla Works-Bridgewater roads, all of which are in Otsego county. All of these roads are to have surface treatment of light cold oil, light hot oil and tar cold applied. There were three bidders, the lowest price being named by H. A. & G. of Norwich. Their rates were \$5.842.96, and the highest bid was only \$76 more.

Today the bids will be opened for heavy surface treatment with bituminous macadam on the Oneonta, Waverly, Gillette-Linwood, Sidney, Ithaca and Cooperstown-Threemile Point roads; and on Friday for repair contract for the Richfield Springs-Cherry Valley road with three-inch water-bound macadam, with cold tar applied, resurfacing and for the repair of the Schenevus-Westford, Colgate-Maryland, Schenevus-Schoharie, Davenport-Center-Oneonta and Harper-Davidson-Daventport Center lines.

The department has now advertised for bids for the reconstruction with cement-concrete of the Morris-Gilbertville road, but two. The bid will be opened May 1.

For Better Home Gardens.

An informal meeting for discussion of the problem of making better and larger home gardens was held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms last night and was attended by representatives of the board of education, of the Chamber of Commerce, the Normal school board and the Woman's club. It is the purpose of the committee to co-operate with the Woman's club in enlarging the field of the most excellent work which has been conducted under their direction in the past years, and definite plans will be announced within a short time.

Plains Ladies to Serve Dinner.
The Ladies' Aid society of the Oneonta Plains Methodist Episcopal church will serve dinner at the home of Henry Shepherd Thursday noon. A cordial invitation to all.

RAILROADS IN AMERICA

Their Development and Present Status
Theme of Interesting Paper Before
Fortnightly Club.

The last meeting of the Fortnightly club of Oneonta for the season of 1916-17 was held Tuesday evening at the residence of Dr. A. W. Cutler. There was a good attendance and much interest was shown in the very able and interesting paper on "Railroads" which, written by W. D. Bush, was on account of the regrettable illness and absence of the author read by Dr. James C. Russell. The paper, which dwelt on one of the most important of economic problems of the country, was a fitting finale to a series of productions which during the past six months has run the gamut of commercial, social and civic activities.

Beginning with an interesting prelude, in which the development of transportation by turnpike, canals and tramways to railways was traced from the middle of the eighteenth century in England to the present time in America. The early troubles of railways were in particular dwelt upon, such as the limiting of the speed to 12 miles an hour, since a greater speed would have disastrous effect on the circulation of the blood and upon the vital organs." In 1821 the Philadelphia and Columbia railroad announced that it always had horses to accompany the trains in case of a break-down, and as for freights, the state governments, which had paid out large sums for building canals, required railroads paralleling them to pay a special tax amounting to the full amount of the canal tolls on any freight which the roads carried.

The financial history of the railroads was also sketched, and the rise and in some instances the fall of great fortunes, which had been made by stock manipulations. Later, however, the paper returned to the paternalism of government in railroad management, in its later form of regulating the hours of labor on the roads, the passenger rate which might be charged and the freight rate which might be imposed—the latter being a necessity if railroads are to have their labor payments and hours of service fixed by the state or nation.

In this connection reference was made to the great expenses which railroads have been to in the construction of new trackage to accommodate increasing business, and the cost of cars and other equipment. Also it was shown how nearly to a standstill railroad building had come, and in conclusion the reasonable hope was expressed that the Interstate commerce commission will soon grant such an increase in rates as will allow our great transportation systems to take their place in the splendid procession of American prosperity.

At the conclusion of the paper, there was the usual discussion, in which all took part. Afterwards delicious refreshments were served, and for a longer period the discussion was continued over the coffee and cigars.

Business and Professional

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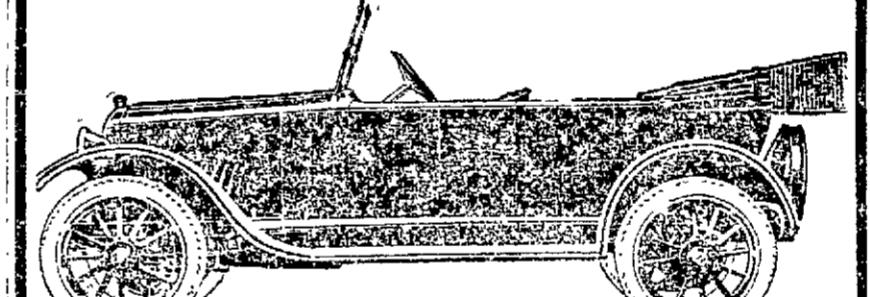
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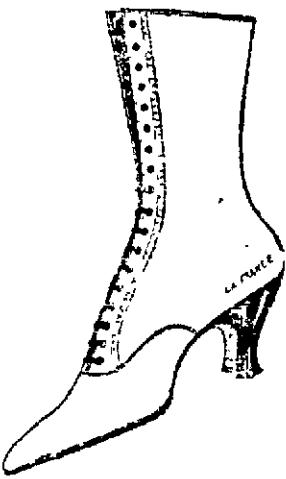
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8 a. m. - - - - 21
2 p. m. - - - - 21
8 p. m. - - - - 20
Maximum 31—Minimum 21

LOCAL MENTION.

—James A. Orr, who recently purchased the neat cottage erected on Hickory street by G. P. Waters, has taken possession of the same as a residence.

STABBING ATTRAY LAST NIGHT.

Trainman Dallas May Locked Up for Alleged Assault on Stage Coach.

Trainman Dallas May is locked up in the city jail on a charge of assault. Pugs Chase, an employee at Burke's Broad street lunch room, is identified as a witness, and both he and many others as evidence of a fracas occurring on Lower Broad street about 10 o'clock last night.

The whole story will probably be brought out in a police court this morning, but it is alleged that May, while under the influence of beer, became abusive toward Chase near the barroom door of the Hickory house, and then he relieved Chase into the Duke's lunch room and attempted to assault him. So far as could be learned May was the aggressor all the way, but when it came to a blow May came out second best. After they had been pulled apart Chase started to drink his cup of coffee and May left the room. It is stated by witnesses that a clash was then heard in the barroom of the lunch wagon and that Chase opened the door to ascertain the cause of the noise, he was assaulted by May, who was armed with a couple of long knives.

In the melee May had his right hand badly slashed and also sustained a deep cut on his temple. Chase has a slight cut on his left side as evidence of his narrow escape from a hand wound. May's injuries were dismissed at police headquarters by Dr. D. H. Mills. May was placed under arrest by Patrolman O'Dell, who was summoned to the scene of the trouble.

Later it was decided to hold both Chase and May for further examination.

WHO WOULD PLANT A GARDEN?

Organized Effort to Bring Lot Owner and Gardener Together.

Acting upon the suggestion of the Federal Department of Agriculture, the Department of Education of Albany and the Agricultural college of Ithaca that gardens be planted in every available lot, the committee from the Oneonta Chamber of Commerce is working to that end.

Chairman of the committee, W. W. Capron, who also is acting with the Board of Education on home gardens, desires to learn of every available lot or piece of land which can be utilized for garden purposes. To this end, two coupons are printed today. One coupon is designed for the owner of land or lots which is to be signed and returned to Mr. Capron. The other is to be signed by those who will plant and work a garden it is planned to have the city to bring into active cultivation ground hitherto unproductive, and it is willing to help cut down the expenses of the family market basket will till the soil. Oneonta can ward off to a large degree the pinch of the high cost of living.

This is a business proposition and should receive serious thought from those able to serve in one of the two capacities—furnish the land for others to work and those willing to have a place to till the soil.

Meetings Today.

Regular meeting of Anna E. Wilber auxiliary this evening, in I. O. O. F. temple, at 8 o'clock.

Regular meeting of the Standard Bearer's society will be held Wednesday evening at 7:30 at the home of the Misses Gibson on Valleyview street.

Regular meeting of Veterans' Benevolent 8 p. m.

Regular meeting W. B. A. O. T. M. in K. O. T. M. hall this evening at 7:30. Guards wear white. Invitation.

The Womans Social club will meet with Miss James D. Mork 42 Spruce street, this afternoon at 2:30.

The social meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held this afternoon at 2:30, instead of in the evening as stated in yesterday's Star.

The Ladies' circle of the Free Baptist church will meet in the assembly room at 3 p. m. All are requested to bring scissors as there is work to be done for the Red Cross Hostesses Mrs. Gardner and Mrs. Gage.

Regular meeting of Jos. C. Ode of Moose at 8 o'clock. Installation of officers. Large attendance desired. Lunch following installation.

Meeting Thursday.

The Home Economics club will meet Thursday, April 12 at 9 Watkings avenue, at 2:30 p. m. A demonstration of pastries and biscuits, served with maple syrup. Ladies bring knife, fork and spoon.

Notice

Effective April 16, 1917 the undersigned coal dealers of Oneonta, N. Y. will give a discount of 40 cents per ton on all bills paid within 15 days of the date of delivery.

Oneonta Coal & Supply Co. Platt & Howland, Green & Brownson, Harry J. Rutt, L. D. Fay, Wellman & Hubbard.

Remember—it is a good time to fill your coal bins now. You will think of this advice next winter. Phone 240. Platt & Howland.

Water Rents Now Due.

Water rents are due and payable at the office of the company in the Wilber National bank for 20 days beginning April 1, 1917, without commissi-

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COMPANY G COMING HOME

To Prepare for Entering Federal Service Having Been Relieved by Twenty-Third Regiment—Expected Early Thursday Morning.

Last evening it was learned that the First regiment is to be relieved in the duty to which it has for two months been assigned by the Twenty-third regiment now in the federal service. It is expected that Company G will be able to leave its post some time during the afternoon today and will arrive in the city some time early Thursday morning. The company is expected to recruit to full war strength and to prepare for federal service at an early date.

Local advices do not cover what will be expected of the command, but this will be determined probably before the home station is reached. It is not unlikely that the men will be required to drill and indulge in indoor rifle practice, the better to fit themselves for the larger duties which the federal government will require.

In anticipation of their home coming the recruits from Cooperstown will arrive in Oneonta this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock and it is expected that they will receive them.

DAN RIVED AT FRIDAY'S DINNER.

Big Secretary of that Chamber of Commerce to Speak in Oneonta.

Unless something unforeseen develops, the attendance at the get-together dinner of the members of the Chamber of Commerce and invited friends, at the Oneonta hotel next Friday night, will be a record breaker.

The committee in charge of the details of the dinner are receiving, by every mail return post card, advance reservations. Many of the members will bring their friends.

Daniel A. Reed, the big football coach and the Billy Sunday of commercial organization work, is well known in this part of the state. He is a forcible speaker and so human in his dealing with facts that men listen with the keenest interest.

Mr. Reed will reach Oneonta early Friday morning and will make a brief survey of the city. At the meeting Friday night he will tell his hearers how the Chamber of Commerce can expand and render greater service and will incidentally suggest some methods to follow. What he says and the manner in which he will say it will convince his hearers that he knows at least what he is talking about. He is, without doubt, the highest priced commercial secretary in the United States.

Already requests have come from out of town from men who know Dan Reed in Cornell university, and know what he stands for and the high ideals he represents. They know also that he knows how to talk.

The committee states that any man in this city, who desires to attend this dinner, can do so as long as there are vacancies left. There should be a mammoth turn-out and the city of Oneonta cannot afford to have less than 300 men hear Dan Reed speak if they care for the reputation of the city.

Dinner is to be served at 7 o'clock and tickets are \$1. There will be patriotic songs led by J. J. Gessner who was appointed official chorister of the Chamber of Commerce at its last banquet.

A Proper Suggestion.

The following from a lady of Oneonta who is deeply interested, as all are in the present national outlook, will be of interest to many of our readers, and is altogether fitting and suggestive:

"Editor Star—Having been in several public gatherings where the Star Spangled Banner is played to an audience standing in silence, it seems fitting that the people should sing at least one verse of our national anthem. Now is the time to renew the song and to have it ringing on our lips and in our hearts.

"I feel called upon to speak of this, but see if it couldn't be carried out in every public gathering.

"An Oneonta Woman

"CIVILIZATION" TODAY.

At Theatre—Great Film Spectacle, Impressive and Sweeping.

Mr. Ince said that his picture, "Civilization," which is to be shown at the Theatre Oneonta today and tomorrow, was not intended to be a motion picture. After witnessing the performance one can see readily what he means it to be. It is a connected editorial a series of episodic events strung on the great central theme, humanity. It is the great element, we never lose sight of in the picture. When the thrilling battles on land and sea are being fought, when we are taken into the depths of a real submarine while our hero, determined to fight for humanity rather than indiscriminately butcher a steamer full of innocent people, has the courage to open the porthole and swamp its inmates, we never lose sight of the great central theme that Mr. Ince has endeavored to retain, the real effects of war, the suffering brought to humanity and the uselessness of it all.

Special music accompanies the picture, interpreted by an orchestra of 14, Matinee at 2:30, Prices Matinee, orchestra 35c, Balcony 25c. Seats not reserved. Night, 50c 75c, 25c. All seats reserved.

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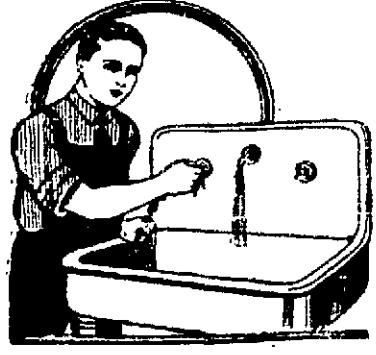
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Tea Fannings, pound pkg.	18c
Old Fort Coffee, pound pkg.	20c
White Puff Baking Soda, lb.	5c
Otsego Baking Powder, lb.	15c
Bulk Oatmeal, pound	5c
Pep Corn, shelled, 3 lbs.	25c
Pure Cocoa, quart jars	25c
Lily Brand Oleo, lb.	25c
Good Luck Oleo, lb.	30c
Sweet Potatoes, large can	20c
Pride Rose Sauer Kraut can	15c
Klip Pork and Beans, two cans	25c
Alaska Salmon, best can	22c
Klip Brand Wild Dandelion can	20c
Paramount Brand Egg Plums, can	10c
Sweet or Sour Pickles, qt. jars	25c
Peanut Butter, 20 oz. jar	25c
Fresh Horseradish, large jar	10c
Deviled Tuna Fish, large can	10c
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PERSONALS

H. W. Fluhner left yesterday on a short business trip to Albany. Mrs. O. B. Rose returned home last evening from a brief trip to Albany. Mrs. E. J. Gurney spent the day in Binghamton yesterday on business errands. A. O. Blowers of Eldred, Pa., was in the city yesterday, calling on friends. Mrs. T. C. Reynolds of this city spent Tuesday with friends in Binghamton.

Mr. and Mrs. John Powers of 50 Fairview street spent Tuesday in Binghamton. County Judge L. F. Raymond of Franklin was a business visitor in the city yesterday. Miss Ruth Truesdale of 2 Morgan Avenue is spending the week in Johnson City and Endicott.

Mrs. C. D. Mulheny and daughter of Windham are guests of their aunt, Miss C. D. Townsend, Elm street.

Hon. Charles Smith went to Roxbury yesterday afternoon to attend a Masonic gathering there last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Murray, who had been in the city for a short stay, departed yesterday for New York city.

Mrs. Charles J. Beanes and son are spending a few days with friends at the old home of the former at Middleburg.

A. A. Hoyer of the D. & H. company returned Sunday afternoon, after attending his father's funeral in Canada.

Mrs. M. H. Martin of Auburn, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. William Aphorje, returned home Tuesday.

William Benjamin of Schenectady, who had been visiting his uncle, G. E. Benjamin in this city, returned home yesterday.

Miss Jean Gardner and Miss Margaret Brown of this city are spending two weeks with the latter's mother in Carbondale.

Miss Bessie Christ has returned to her school duties at Ocean Side, Long Island, after spending a few days with her parents.

Miss Elizabeth G. Clark, who had been visiting over Easter at St. Mary's rectory, returned yesterday to her home in Albany.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Parisian of Stillwater are stopping at the Hathaway house. Mr. Parisian is employed by the D. & H. company.

Mrs. G. D. Davenport and daughter, Letta, of Harpersfield, are spending a few days at the home of George F. Gibbs, 11 Neuhau place.

Mrs. E. A. Nearing was in Cooperstown yesterday attending the Temperance day exercises in connection with the Wyoming conference.

Mrs. G. O. Burgin, who had been the guest for a few days of Miss Lila Hall at her home in this city, returned Tuesday to Franklin.

Mrs. Catherine Delaney, who has been a week-end guest of friends in Shandaken and Kingston, returned home yesterday morning.

Miss Corrine Walters returned last evening to her home in Binghamton, after spending several days with Oneonta relatives and friends.

H. B. Smiley, son of Rev. W. F. Smiley of this city, of the University of Pennsylvania of Philadelphia, is spending a few days with his parents.

C. Smith MacMinn, who has been spending the Easter vacation with his grandmother at 91 Center street, returned yesterday to his home in Schenectady.

Captain G. W. Augustin and Sergeant Royce, who have been in the city a few days on recruiting business, departed yesterday afternoon to rejoin their command.

Miss Mabel Hamilton, who had been spending her Easter vacation at Stamford, left last evening to resume her work as teacher in the public schools of Schenectady.

D. A. Brumner, engineer on the milk train, was taken ill yesterday morning while on duty and removed to his home in Binghamton. An attack of pneumonia is feared.

Mrs. Jennie Hollenbeck of Worcester, who had been visiting friends and relatives in Oneonta, left yesterday for Maryland, where she stops for a short time on her way home.

Miss Mildred Marsh of this city, who is one of the teachers in the Middlefield school, is spending a part of the spring vacation with her sister, Mrs. J. W. Shumway, at Waits.

The Misses Mabel and Irene Terry and Paul Terry of Otego and Gladys Hiblum and Rowland Hiblum of Sidney, who had been guests of Mrs. William Hiblum at 9 Hill place, returned home yesterday.

Mrs. Clarence D. Sewell and son Robert, departed Tuesday for Downsville, where they will visit the former's daughter, Miss Ruth Sewell, who is a member of the faculty of the High school at that place.

Rev. M. H. Reid of Scranton, Pa., who had been the guest of his brother, Simon M. Reid, the night previous, continued to Cooperstown yesterday, attending the Wyoming conference, which opened this morning.

Rev. John C. Frey of Moscow, Va., recently passed at Davenport Center while on his way to Cooperstown to attend the Wyoming conference, stopped in Oneonta last night for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Claude Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Steffen and nephew, who makes his home with them, departed last evening for Altamont, where they are in the future to reside and where the best wishes of numerous friends will attend them.

The Parsons revival party, which had been holding such successful services in the First Baptist church in this city, left yesterday for Binghamton, where, beginning on Sunday, they will hold a series of meetings at the Main Street Baptist church.

G. L. Johnson of Rouses Point arrived in the city last evening for a visit with his brother, W. A. Johnson, of 8 Walnut street, on his way home from Syracuse, where he has been an expert witness before the U. S. district court in the famous Johnson-Willard

DISTRICT ODD FELLOWS MEETING

To Be Held with Manaho Lodge of Schenectady Today.

The district meeting of the Otsego district I. O. O. F. is to be held in the rooms of Manaho Lodge, No. 995, at Schenectady, this afternoon, and all past noble grangs in the city who desire to attend are requested to meet at Odd Fellows' temple at 12:30 o'clock sharp, where motor cars will be provided for all wishing to attend.

This afternoon the past noble degree will be conferred and this evening the officers of Manaho Lodge will confer the subordinate degree, after which a banquet will be served by the home lodge, to which members of the order are invited and at which numerous Odd Fellows from the city in addition to the past noble grangs will be in attendance. Among those who have been invited to respond at the close of the banquet are Rev. L. C. Nichols and H. A. George L. Rockes, both of this city.

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YOUNG FOLKS MADE HAPPY.

One Hundred and Sixty Entertained by the Misses Ronan and Becker.

Though people of more mature years may think they are having good times when they gather for dances or more formal parties, their happiness and enthusiasm pale visibly when compared with the vociferous rejoicing of such a bunch of youngsters as last evening were entertained at a dancing party in the Ronan Annex by the Misses Katherine and Helen Ronan and the Misses Ethel, Margaret and Eleanor Becker.

While some of the tiny ones perhaps lacked the perfection of execution in dancing the waltz and one step that would be displayed by their elders, they one and all danced with an evident enjoyment that is often sadly lacking among those same elders.

The parents of the little hostesses were assisted in serving the children with ice cream and cake by numerous other ladies who had children among the happy throng. Music for the dancing was furnished by Gardner's orchestra and it must be confessed that the perpetual smile worn by the director indicated that he was having just as good a time as any of the others.

Immediately after refreshments the children stood en masse and sang the "Star Spangled Banner" with a vim that made the great room echo. At 11 o'clock the happy party broke up and one and all were unanimous in the verdict that the Misses Ronan and Becker were ideal entertainers.

WEN DREAMS COME TRUE.

Successful Musical Comedy at Oneonta Theatre Friday Evening.

The attraction at the Oneonta theatre Friday evening will be "When Dreams Come True," in which William Pruet Jr. is the featured player. The piece is a musical comedy from the pen of Philip Bartholomew, author of two successful farces, "Over Night" and "Little Miss Brown." The music is by Sylvie Stein, and includes some of the best efforts of this successful young composer.

Mr. Pruet has invented and staged most of the dancing numbers in the piece, and in nearly all of them he is a participant. Other members of the cast include Lorraine Lester, Connie Mae, Harlan Briggs, Carmen Ercelle, Anna Little, F. C. Palmer and Roy E. Miller. A large and capable chorus of young people, chosen for their singing and dancing ability, will assist the principals. The costuming of the play is a great feature and are from the Orange Costume company of New York from the very latest Paris models. Seat sale starts today. Prices 25c 50c, 75c and \$1.00.

National D. A. R. at Washington.

The National Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be held at Washington next week. The delegates from Oneonta chapter were the regent, Mrs. Irving H. Rose, and Mrs. John F. Lauren, but it is not certain that either will attend, though others from the chapter may be present.

The principal contest in the congress will doubtless be over the election of president-general, for which position there are at least three candidates, one is Mrs. John Horton Miller of Buffalo, Mrs. George T. Gurney of Kansas, and Mrs. J. Hamilton Lewis of Illinois. The latter is the candidate of the Story administration, while the others are independent.

Special Train Service.

On account of the sessions of Wyoming conference the Delaware and Hudson Railway company will run a special train from Oneonta to Cooperstown soon after 3 o'clock. The Southern railway will continue their last car from Oneonta to Hartwick on to Cooperstown each night of the week and will make special provision for those who come.

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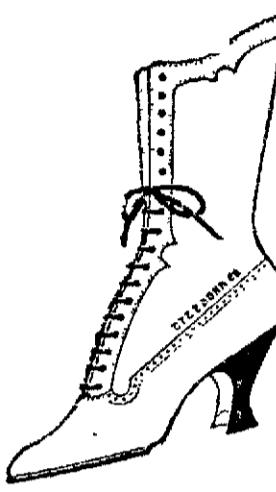
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DELAWARE DEFENSE COMMITTEE

Judge L. F. Raymond Makes Appointments According to Instructions.

Judge L. F. Raymond, county judge of Delaware county, and John Chambers, chairman of the board of supervisors of Delaware county, met at Delhi on Monday, April 9, and appointed the following residents of Delaware county to constitute a Committee of Home Defense, namely: Hector S. Moxon, Delhi; William T. Austin, Margaretville; Jerome J. Farrell, Walton; Milton G. Nelson, Franklin; Ralph W. Irance, Sidney; Augustus Holmes, Duanville; Edward W. Edsell, Hancock.

The committee has also been notified to meet at the supervisors' room in the court house in Delhi on Monday, April 16, for the purpose of organization. The object of the committee is to co-ordinate under an authoritative head the control of the persons and inventory of the military resources of the county as well as the direction of other work of military preparation, also to supervise and approve the organization of home defense corps, with a special view to maintaining order and security in the community and to stimulate recruitment and in every way to back up a National Guard and naval militia and provide relief for the families of those in military or naval service. Investigating applications for assistance and large to co-ordinate the charitable patriotic and preparedness efforts of the county.

Davenport Farms Sold.

Davenport, April 10. — Colton Butts has sold to W. E. Smith the Hamilton farm and the village farm to Willis Griswold.

Our advice: **Always** use package coffee. Coffee absorbs foreign odors of all kinds and when not covered and protected loses much of its strength and flavor. Osego always in packages. Ask your grocer.

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MONSTER PATRIOTIC MASS MEETING AT WHICH FLAG IS PRESENTED.

Rev. Ralph Birdsall, Principal Speaker, Makes Masterly Address Full of Lofti Patriotism and Vision. Cooperstown, April 10. — Cooperstown's tribute to the loyalty of her soldiers' sons was manifested by a monster patriotic mass meeting held this evening and attended by over 1,000 persons who packed the spacious court house to almost suffocation and forced scores of people away for lack of room. Earlier in the evening the Daughters of the American Revolution had feasted the boys at the residence of Miss Sill. The meeting was preceded by a demonstration of patriotic fervor over the appearance of the recruits who filed into the chamber followed by the members of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the Sons of Veterans. Following an invocation by Rev. Edward C. Petrie, William Beattie, who presided, spoke briefly and he was vigorously applauded when he spoke of the patriotism of our sons in the Revolutionary and Spanish-American wars and he predicted great things to be accomplished by our soldier boys who have just enlisted. He spoke of the possibilities and implored them to be true Americans.

Rev. Ralph Birdsall, rector of the Episcopal church, was then introduced, and he was given an ovation by the audience. Among other things he said in the course of his most eloquent effort, which moved his hearers deeply, that he found keen pleasure to contribute in any degree to a demonstration that will be memorable in the history of the village, intended by the citizens of Cooperstown to pay honor to the young soldiers who are first in our hearts because they are first to offer themselves in defense of our country's flag in a war that demands the uplifting of the Stars and Stripes, not only as the banner of America, but for the first time as the symbol of the hopes of yearning millions of people for government of the people in all nations of the world.

America is now to do her part in hastening the coming of a new era in human thought. Not only guns but ideas are swiftly changing the world before our very eyes. New ideas are coming. Old ones are being abandoned. National thought is being cast in new molds. It is certain that the old swash buckling idea of national honor is gone forever. If the President of the United States were nothing more than an astute politician, no master of political arts could have letter managed the thing than he has done. Had he brought us into the war two years ago and with complete justification in accordance with the old standards of national honor, there would have been such a division of sentiment in this country as to have almost certainly produced a national tragedy in the United States. The nation waited until just the psychological moment has brought a united nation together ready to devote all the life and all the treasure of America to the issue of the war. Mr. Wilson was destined to do a big thing for the world. Notes! Notes! Notes! Which all the world praised for scholarly diction and condemned for the lack of support in gunpowder and steel and blood.

Gradually clarifying the mind of the whole world as to the issue in this great conflict between force and ideas. The great mass of feeling in America is that we enter the war because it is the only way at last. We have made efforts to keep peace and set a new mark in the history of nations. Now the issue is clear. America—the democracy of the new world must make the sacrifice for the sake of the democracy of the whole world. In closing he said that America presents the spectacle of a great nation ready to war without any hatred in its heart. Is there anyone here who hates the people of Germany—the old enemy of Christmas trees, music and good will toward all? We fight with malice toward none. We fight to make peace. We fight to end war. We go to war for the democracy of the world. We suffer that democracy may live and all human brotherhood be realized. The cross of Christ reveals that the God of love is working out salvation through this vast movement of mankind in all its blood and sorrow and that He is somehow enabling men even by the dreadful cross to win final victory for humanity.

Other speakers were Clement G. Tilden, Judge N. P. Willis, George H. Curtis and Mr. Mathew, all of whom spoke effectively and in language fitting of the volunteers. Mr. Mathew, presenting to the volunteers the flag donated by the citizens. Before adjournment Mrs. D. B. Person asked for others for one of the most patriotic citizens who had served in the Spanish American war and recently volunteered for service in the navy, referring to William D. Little. Cheek upon cheek was given in his honor, after which the audience dispersed.

The recruits dined Wednesday afternoon at 3:35 at Osego to 100th Company G and prepare for drills and instructions. The stores and business places will be closed for two hours and everybody is expected to be at the station to bid them Godspeed.

Express Load of Horses

Will be on g'to Thursday, April 12, All sizes, colors and suitable for all uses. Auction Friday, April 13, at 2 p. m. Fifty horses and other useful property. H. W. Sheldon, Oneonta, N. Y.

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